

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The specification and claims 1 and 6 have been amended to specify that the liner corners are disposed adjacent to the corners of the packages and receive the corners of the packages. This is supported by the originally filed drawings.

Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to correct obvious spelling errors "ant" and "lie."

As a formal matter, the last two lines of claim 5 have been amended to make the claim clearer.

It is submitted that there is nothing wrong with the "same or different" language. This is intended to make it very clear that the heights can be the same or different. Rather than being indefinite, this makes clearer to one of ordinary skill what Applicants consider their invention to be.

As a formal matter, the claims have been amended to make clear that not all panels need to have the 90% limitation. Also related to formalities, claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice since, as the Office points out, it appears to be redundant.

It is submitted that the "one of said..." language is common and appropriate in patent claims and means either said top or said bottom.

With respect to the substantive rejections, in the present invention as defined in independent claims 1 and 6, the corners of the liners provide compressive strength and

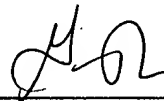
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lie adjacent and receive the corners of the packages. The Office points to no teaching of this in Jones, wherein the relationship between the base sheet and the carton is quite different. Claim 5 now recites that the height of the panels is less than 90% of the height at any transverse fold line. In contrast, this is not the case in the base sheets illustrated by Jones.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Insert the following paragraph on page 7, line 4:

The liner corners are disposed adjacent to the corners of the packages and receive the corners of the packages.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice and amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 as follows:

1. (Amended) A combination liner and shrink wrap packaging comprising a liner wrapped around a plurality of packages and further comprising shrink wrapped wrapping around said combination of liner and packages, said liner including at least three panels separated by fold lines at corners, the height of said liner at said corners being the same or different, the height of at least one of said panels at a point intermediate said corners being less than 90% of the height at any of said corners said liner corners being disposed adjacent and receiving corners of said packages.

3. (Amended) The combination liner and shrink wrap packaging of claim 2-1 wherein the height of the liner is less than 90% of the height of ~~any~~ at least one of said corners for at least 60% of the rectilinear distance between two of said corners.

5. (Amended) A nestable liner blank comprising at least three panels separated by at least two transverse fold lines, the height of at least one said panels at a point intermediate said fold lines being less than 90% of the height at any ~~said transverse fold~~ heline, said liner having a top and a bottom, at least at one of said fold lines, one of said top and bottom being accommodated in a space between the height of the liner at one of said fold lines and the height of the panel at least at one of said points wherein the height of said panel is less than 90% that of the fold line when said blanks are nested.

6. (Amended) A combination liner and package comprising a liner wrapped around a plurality of packages, said liner including at least three panels separated by fold lines at corners, the height of said liner at said corners being the same or different, the height of at least one of said panels at a point intermediate said corners being less than 90% of the height at any of said corners said liner corners being disposed adjacent and receiving corners of said packages.